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**CURRENT NEWS   MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2008**

**Recruiter Faces Sexual Conduct Charges   MILITARY.COM**

A Navy recruiter is in jail in Madera, Calif., after being arrested Nov. 12 on charges that allege he showed sexual photos of himself to young females he was attempting to recruit. Jonathon (cq) Joshua Taylor, 28, pleaded not guilty to during a Nov. 14 arraignment and is awaiting a preliminary hearing scheduled for Dec. 1, according to the investigating officer, Detective Kristine Saucedo. She said seven young girls are currently identified as victims in the case, but she is still contacting others who Taylor attempted to recruit.

**[HTTP://WWW.MILITARY.COM/NEWS/ARTICLE/RECRUITER-FACES-SEXUAL-CONDUCT-CHARGES.HTML?COL=1186032310810](http://www.military.com/news/article/recruiter-faces-sexual-conduct-charges.html?COL=1186032310810)**

**Army to court martial soldier in Japan   ARMYTIMES.COM**

The U.S. military will court martial an American soldier accused of raping a Filipino woman in southern Japan, the Army said Wednesday, after Japanese authorities dropped charges against him. Army specialist Ronald Hopstock, 25, who allegedly assaulted the woman in an Okinawa hotel room in February, will be the latest in a series of U.S. military personnel.

**[HTTP://WWW.ARMYTIMES.COM/NEWS/2008/11/AP\\_JAPAN\\_MILITARY\\_112508/](http://www.armytimes.com/news/2008/11/AP_JAPAN_MILITARY_112508/)**

**US Army to court martial soldier in Japan   THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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**[HTTP://WWW.GOOGLE.COM/HOSTEDNEWS/AP/ARTICLE/ALEQM5ISLKPJ\\_84APSQUFWNDQR2KUTWDQWD94MMOOG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALEQM5ISLKPJ_84APSQUFWNDQR2KUTWDQWD94MMOOG0)**

**Army unit takes stand against sexual assault   IREPORT**

The Army recently launched a new sexual assault program called I. A.M. Strong to combat sexual assaults by engaging all Soldiers in preventing sexual assaults before they occur, and the senior leadership of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command is taking action.

**[HTTP://WWW.IREPORT.COM/DOCS/DOC-153450](http://www.ireport.com/docs/doc-153450)**

**Vet keeps vow, turns self in to face old charge   MIDDLETOWN PRESS**

A woman has been arrested in connection with a five-year-old incident in which she and a neighbor engaged in a summer romance. Unfortunately, police say, the neighbor boy was too young under the law to have given his consent to the relationship. And so the woman has been charged with statutory rape. The arrest had to wait until the woman was discharged from the Army.

**[HTTP://WWW.MIDDLETOWNPRESS.COM/ARTICLES/2008/11/29/NEWS/DOC4930B66F45D50096208133.TXT](http://www.middletownpress.com/articles/2008/11/29/NEWS/DOC4930B66F45D50096208133.TXT)**

**Cary father charged with rape to appear in court   NEWS & OBSERVER, NC**

A video seized by Cary police shows both Dwayne Frazier and his teenage son having sex with the son's ex-girlfriend, a Wake prosecutor said in court today. Police believe the November incident at Frazier's home on Siltstone Place wasn't consensual. Frazier, an Army sergeant based at Fort Bragg, is in jail on a rape charge. A conviction carries a maximum punishment of more than 22 years in prison.

**[HTTP://WWW.NEWSOBSERVER.COM/141/STORY/1310558.HTML](http://www.newsobserver.com/141/STORY/1310558.HTML)**

## **PREVIOUS NEWS**

### **New sex scandals at Fort Leonard Wood** ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Twelve years after a sex scandal prompted congressional investigations and changes in Army training, Fort Leonard Wood is again dealing with a wave of cases in which drill sergeants have engaged in sexual misconduct with women trainees. Since February 2007, at least 14 drill sergeants or other trainers have faced courts-martial for having improper relationships with soldiers undergoing initial-entry training at the sprawling Army post about 130 miles southwest of St. Louis.

[HTTP://WWW.STLTODAY.COM/STLTODAY/NEWS/STORIES.NSF/MISSOURISTATENEWS/STORY/92F9AEFFA0AB958D862575090014D444?OPENDOCUMENT](http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/missouristateneews/story/92f9aeffa0ab958d862575090014d444?opendocument)

### **Soldier accused of rape apologizes in South Korean court** STARS AND STRIPES

A 2nd Infantry Division sergeant accused of raping a South Korean woman in June apologized in court Friday for the attack. "I had a great remorse and I regret what I did. I feel really sorry," Sgt. Jonathan Kim, who is Korean-American, told Chief Judge Lee Gwang-man in Korean during his first appearance on the case. Kim, 23, allegedly raped the 21-year-old woman at 4 a.m. on June 14 in a parking lot. During the attack, he allegedly beat her, then took her clothes and cell phone so she couldn't escape quickly or call police.

[HTTP://WWW.STRIPES.COM/ARTICLE.ASP?SECTION=104&ARTICLE=58994](http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=58994)

### **West Michigan soldier may face more charges** WWMT - KALAMAZOO, MI

There is new information about the mental state of a West Michigan soldier accused of a brutal rape and murder. New reports point to signs of mental illness, but did the military overlook those signs and send him to Iraq anyway?

[HTTP://WWW.WWMT.COM/ARTICLES/SOLDIER\\_1356059\\_ARTICLE.HTML/MICHIGAN\\_WEST.HTM](http://www.wwmt.com/articles/soldier_1356059_article.html/michigan_west.html)  
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### **Marines deny guilt in slays, rape** NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Four Marines charged with murdering their Brooklyn-raised sergeant and raping and killing his new bride pleaded not guilty Thursday in a California courtroom. Pvt. Emrys John, who allegedly ended the torture of Jan Pawel Pietrzak and his wife, Quiana, by shooting them both in the head.

[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/us\\_world/2008/11/20/2008-11-20\\_marines\\_deny\\_guilt\\_in\\_slays\\_rape.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/us_world/2008/11/20/2008-11-20_marines_deny_guilt_in_slays_rape.html)

### **Soldier With Mental History Suspected in Attacks** NEW YORK TIMES

A Fort Carson soldier and war veteran charged in the murder and sexual assault of a woman in Colorado last month faces accusations that he also raped a 14-year-old girl and sexually assaulted a third woman, an internal Army document states.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/21/us/21army.html?\\_r=1&ref=us](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/21/us/21army.html?_r=1&ref=us)

### **Pvt. Ronald Gray convicted of raping, murdering fellow soldiers** CNN

A U.S. soldier convicted of rape and murder two decades ago will be executed December 10 in the nation's first military execution since 1961, the Army said Thursday. Pvt. Ronald Gray has been on the military's death row at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, since 1988. A court-martial panel sitting at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, unanimously convicted him of committing two murders and other crimes in the Fayetteville, North Carolina, area, and sentenced him to death.

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/11/20/military.execution/?iref=mpstoryview>

### **Instructor convicted, sentenced** THE FORT GORDON SIGNAL

An instructor in the 447th Signal Battalion was found guilty Nov. 14 of improper relationships with eight trainees, including assault on two trainees, and providing alcohol to two others. In a trial by military judge, Staff Sgt. Shernnor Williams was sentenced to six months confinement and reduction to the rank of E-3. The staff sergeant was in a leadership position in relation to all 10 trainees, and committed most of the offenses while he was on duty as their instructor/squad leader. During the trial testimony, eight female trainees stated that Williams had made inappropriate personal and sexual comments, phone calls, sent

inappropriate text messages, or had touched them in a sexual way. He assaulted one female by grabbing her in private areas and kissing her. He was found guilty of having sexual intercourse with one of the trainees.

[http://www.fortgordonsignal.com/news/2008/1121/news\\_update/021.html](http://www.fortgordonsignal.com/news/2008/1121/news_update/021.html)

### Documentary tells ex-Army sergeant's story of pain HUFFINGTON POST

Retired Army Sgt. Angela Peacock once was outgoing, competitive and athletic. These days, she barely functions, trusts no one and suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder that prevents her from working. She has gained 100 pounds and chain smokes. She lives alone in northern St. Louis County on a military pension and disability. The story of Peacock's struggle to recover from the trauma of combat and an alleged sexual assault by an officer premieres Wednesday in a new online documentary. "Angie's Story" is the latest webcast in the series "In Their Boots," about the struggles of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans and their families.

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### Tour teaches awareness, prevention UNITED STATES ARMY (PRESS RELEASE)

Soldiers filed into Howze Theater Nov. 6 for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training expecting a slide presentation. However, the Army has brought something different to Fort Hood to educate Soldiers on sexual assault prevention and awareness. "Sex Signals" is a 90-minute two-person program that includes skits that deal with subjects including dating, rape, consent and other associated topics such as body language, alcohol and intervention.

[HTTP://WWW.ARMY.MIL/-NEWS/2008/11/19/14363-SEX-SIGNALS-TOUR-TEACHES-AWARENESS-PREVENTION/](http://www.army.mil/-news/2008/11/19/14363-sex-signals-tour-teaches-awareness-prevention/)